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SUBJ: FAHMY AND KOREA

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1. WHEN WITH FAHMY TODAY, I ASKED STATUS OF
EGYPTIAN MEDIATION EFFORT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA. HAMY CLAIMED SOUTH KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL
CHANG HAD TOLD HIM ROK AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPAL, BUT
WANTS TO KNOW LEVEL, PROPOSED VENUE AND DATE. NORTH
KOREA HAS NOT YET REPLIED, BUT FAHMY FEELS

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CONFIDENT THEY WILL AGREE. HIS IDEA IS THAT

MEETING SHOULD BE AT MFA/DG LEVEL AND TAKE PLACE
IN CAIRO. THEY MIGHT TAKE PLACE SOMETIME AFTER
RAMADAN.

2. FAHMY AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WE MIGHT TRY
TO DISRUPT EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO BRING NORTH/SOUTH
KOREA TOGETHER. HE ARGUES THAT, IF WE MEAN THAT
WE WAY ABOUT WANTING SOUTH/NORTH DIALOGUE RESUMED,
WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE EGYPTIAN EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT: FAHMY'S VERSION IS CLEARLY SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT FROM ACCOUNT GIVEN BY ROK FONMIN PAK
TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER.
EILTS UNQTE ROBINSON

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